

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**In the Matter of the Revocation
or Suspension of the Teaching
Certificate of Timothy S. Mullikin
Certificate # 162554**

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

This matter was considered by the South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) on September 9, 2003. Notice of the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina teaching certificate (certificate) was sent by the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) to Mr. Timothy S. Mullikin by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested. Mr. Mullikin received this notice as evidenced by the signed postal receipt, but did not request a hearing but not within the allotted fifteen-day requirement set forth by law and therefore is in default. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Mullikin's certificate # 162554 for one (1) year.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Mullikin holds a valid certificate. He was employed by the Fairfield County School District (District) for the 2002-2003 school year. On February 10, 2003, Mr. Mullikin was suspended from his teaching position with the following allegations that Mr. Mullikin inappropriately accessed the internet during school hours and viewed pornography on the school computer. On February 19, 2003, Mr. Mullikin resigned from his position as a teacher at Fairfield Central High School.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (1990). Just cause includes: “*Unprofessional conduct, any conduct involving moral turpitude.*” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (1990). The State Board finds that the preponderance of the evidence presented, which is undisputed by Mr. Mullikin, supports the suspension of his teaching certificate # 162554 for one year from February 10, 2003, through February 9, 2004. At the end of the suspension period, if Mr. Mullikin wants his certificate reinstated, he must make a written request for reinstatement to the Office of Teacher Education and Certification.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Greg Killian
Greg Killian
Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
September 9, 2003